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Caribbean tour party members, led by director Christian Tirre, eagerly land at Jamaica. For more tour pictures turn to Page 14.

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- 18-20 — Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina

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"These being dead and released from the bonds of the flesh speak on to inspire marching generations, boys and girls young men and young women who 'where'er the sun does his successive journeys run' recite the Christian Endeavor covenant."

These words from the pen of Dr. Daniel A. Poling regarding Dr. Clark and other early Endeavorers are equally applicable to this modern-day leader. Through the Poling Memorial Fund the influence of Daniel Poling, his wife Lillian, and their son Clark will inspire generations yet to come. The Fund, to be held in perpetuity, will provide income for Christian Endeavor work in North America. All contributions should be sent to the International Society, Columbus, Ohio.

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OPENING SESSION — Rev. J. A. Leo-Rhynie, host minister, welcomes delegates; others on platform (from left) are President Meadows, Sir Clifford Campbell, and Mr. Braithwaite.

The Fifth Area I Conference

By Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D.
President, World's Christian Endeavor Union

The Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union held at Kingston, Jamaica, The West Indies, August 8-11, 1968, brought Christian Endeavorers to a high level of interest, enthusiasm, and service.

There were fourteen countries represented in the attendance which reached over 1,200 persons. These were Australia, Japan, Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Trinidad, Santo Domingo, the Cayman Islands, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Canada, Great Britain, the United States, and Jamaica.

The people of Jamaica gave a very cordial welcome to the conference and did their utmost to make this visit to the beautiful island a pleasant and profitable experience. The Prime Minister, the Honorable Hugh Lawson Shearer, LL.D., provided a reception on the Jamaica House lawn. It rained (which was welcome because of two years drought), but this only inter-

rupted the outdoor activity temporarily.

The civic receptions at Kingston and Montego Bay were most impressive with marching bands and parading groups as well as great rallies with speeches by prominent citizens. Even the Catholic bishops of Montego Bay and Kingston joined in the celebration.

Many hours of radio and television, covering the entire island, were given freely to the various Christian Endeavor activities. Many columns of THE DAILY GLEANER newspaper covered the conference, with pictures of various features. This brought the conference to the attention of the two million people of Jamaica.

The cooperation of the pastors in the Kingston area in attending and in canceling their Sunday evening services to bring their people into the conference session that night demonstrated their interest in the Christian Endeavor movement and also the



CIVIC RECEPTION at historic Ward Theatre attracts enthusiastic crowd of local and overseas delegates despite drenching rain.

spirit of unity that exists among the churches in the island. Several United Brethren Churches from as far away as Melvern and Mandeville (about 100 miles) joined to bring two bus loads to the great mass sessions.

Sir Clifford C. Campbell, Governor-General of Jamaica, was a principal speaker at the opening session. He gave his personal Christian testimony and voiced his hearty endorsement of Christian Endeavor. He spoke particularly of the splendid work of Christian Endeavor throughout the island of Jamaica since it was organized 75 years ago. He was one of many inspiring speakers of the conference. Throughout the sessions there was a deep spiritual tone and in the closing mass rally there were a score of public commitments to Christ.

The seventeen discussion groups, one of which was in Spanish, aroused active and lively participation as delegates considered the work of Christian Endeavor as it seeks to meet the needs of the churches in their youth programs as well as the problems of young people themselves.

There were actually three great meetings going on in the same place — the Jamaica Convention, the Area I Conference, and the annual meeting of the World's Union Board of Trustees. The spirit of the Board meet-

ings was the theme of the conference, "Advance — For Christ and the Church."

It was decided that the World's Union in cooperation with the Australian Union will help subsidize a new work in New Guinea and Papua. It was also determined to provide half the support (as a matching gift with the India Union) to place an additional full-time secretary in the service of the Christian Endeavorers of India (there are 2,500 societies in that great country). It was decided to hold the Sixth Area I Conference on an island in the Pacific.

The Area II Conference will be held in England next May along with the annual meeting of the World's Union Board of Trustees. The 50th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will be in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 19-23, 1971.

AT THE TEA are President Meadowcroft, Bishop S. U. Hastings (center) of the Moravian Church, and Rev. Luther Gibbs, newly-elected Jamaica Union president.





BISHOP MEADOWS voices appreciation at reception given by the Kingston and Saint Andrew Corporation.

Some Reflections

Rev. A. N. Braithwaite comments on the Conference and the Jamaica Diamond Jubilee Convention

The Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Union was held concurrently with the 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Jamaica Union August 8-11, in Kingston, Jamaica. This notable event now takes its place amongst the more significant spiritual movements of our time.

The Diamond Jubilee itself was a historical climax the significance of which was enhanced and emphasized by the convening of the Area I Conference.

This was the dual event that caused Jamaica to be at once recipient and host; that brought to my country Endeavorers from the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Mexico, Japan, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Trinidad, Honduras, Samoa, and the Cayman Islands. How international! What a family!

Heading this group was the world president, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. The International Society tour party was under the able direction of Rev. Christian A. Tirre. What a diamantly happy group!

Official recognition was generously given. A civic welcome by the Mayor

of Montego Bay was followed by a Pre-Convention Rally in the Burchell Baptist Church. The Honorable Richard Cleaver, M.P. of Australia and president of the Australian Union, was principal speaker at the rally. Other overseas participants were Bishop Meadows, William J. Sharpe, and Phyllis I. Rike.

Back in Kingston for Thursday the 8th, the city commissioners, Eustace N. Bird and Milton Rodrigues, gave a civic welcome at 5:00 p.m. in the historic Ward Theatre.

At the Welcome Service held in East Queen Street Baptist Church the Governor-General, Sir Clifford Campbell, and Lady Campbell headed the list of dignitaries who attended. Greetings in behalf of the Jamaica people were brought by the Governor-General. Rev. Benjamin Alvarez T. of Mexico, was the keynote speaker. Co-presiders were Bishop Meadows and myself.

On Friday evening the Diamond Jubilee message was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Sir Philip M. Sherlock, LL.D. On this same evening

some of the past presidents and secretaries were presented to the world president.

On Saturday afternoon the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Honorable Hugh L. Shearer, gave a reception at Jamaica House, his official residence. Unable to be there in person, he was well represented by the Minister of Education.

Later in the evening a sacred musical recital was held in the George Lisle Education Center. This was a thrilling and inspiring period of special music, comprised of religious, classical, and folk songs by local and foreign talent. One can still hear the parting song led by Egdon Fearweather—"Amen, Amen, Amen."

The various news media, press, and radio stations were affluent in their coverage.

The Sunday morning service was a live broadcast carried by the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation from East Queen Street Church. Here it was that Bishop Meadows spoke to the nation; here I stood to conduct this service filled with emotion as I was seized with the consciousness that history was in the making. One radio listener described it as "different"; another, "It had warmth and passion; Bishop Meadows is so forceful."

The great FINALE came Sunday evening. The attendance had risen to a new high, with our regular city worshippers plus the country visitors who came by cars, trucks, and minibusses.

Some ministers closed their churches and attended along with their congregations. There was Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan presiding; Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn doing his final act as song leader; the pulpit is high up, but look higher above it and see the combined choirs under J. J. Williams, directing, and Dr. Earl Bernard, organist, lifting their voices in tumultuous praise . . . and then . . . after

all the preliminaries of commendations; presentations from Guatemala to Bishop Meadows, Miss Rike, and Mr. Braithwaite; and the installing of the new officers of the Jamaica Union . . . there stood Bishop Meadows himself to give the message as the Lord delivered it unto him.

Oh, how it stirred and challenged! The response of many young people was only one evidence of what the Holy Spirit can do with our dedication. Bishop Meadows is indeed a dedicated man.

In my reflections, I love to think that the Christian Endeavor movement represents a large family. August 8-11 saw a kind of family reunion. And how did we spend our time?

We met in educational conference under able leaders. Our family head did business under President Meadows and Miss Rike, executive secretary. We prayed together in the Quiet Hour under William Sharpe. We communed with Elwood Dunn bringing the meditation. We toured together under Rev. Christian Tirre and Rev. Luther Gibbs, the newly-elected Jamaica Union president. We played together, with Frances M. Becker as "the live wire."

Above all, this family reunion brought into a new focus, for a divided world to see, a concentration of the essentials of Christian Endeavor as an international, interdenominational, and interracial youth movement, whose principles are Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, and Fellowship with Christ's People.

May the grace of God continue to nurture Christian Endeavor that the principles may increasingly be translated and diffused into meaningful and purposeful practice as we advance—For Christ and the Church



ELWOOD DUNN

(standing)
fellowships with
government leaders
and conference
delegates
during tea at
Jamaica House
given by the
Prime Minister.

One in Christ

By Elwood Dunn, President International Society

An impressive Communion service opened the Friday morning session of the Area I Conference. The service exemplified the unity that Christ brings to His loyal followers. Those in the service came from the islands of the Caribbean, from England, Japan, Australia, Samoa—fourteen countries. They represented a number of denominations and races.

The prayers at the table were by a Samoan, Rev. Anoa'i Amituana'i, and a Jamaican, Rev. Luther Gibbs. The men who served were from the churches of Jamaica and the United States. The Scripture was read by Sybil Gunness of Trinidad and the opening prayer by Alfonso Gramajo of Guatemala in his native Spanish language.

With all the differences, there was a oneness in Christ that brought real spiritual blessings. Christian Endeavor again demonstrated its power to unite the followers of Christ and send them forth to do His will in hun-

dreds of churches and dozens of countries and islands.

Following the Lord's Supper the delegates attended conferences of their own choosing. There was a wide variety from which to select. They were graded for adults, young people, and Juniors. Some of the subjects considered were: *How to Lead, Christian Endeavor Essentials, Publicity, Missions, Prayer, Counseling, and Extension*. The conferences were practical and intended to be of value to the Endeavorers when they returned to their churches.

The Area I Conference was marked by a deep spiritual tone that called for personal commitment to Jesus Christ and dedication to His work at the local church level. No one who attended could fail to go away more determined to serve Christ and His cause.



AT THE LORD'S TABLE is Elwood Dunn, with Mr. Anoa'i of Samoa (seated at his left) and Sybil Gunness of Trinidad (standing).



What I Learned In Jamaica

A Youth's Viewpoint

By Mariko Oku
Tokyo, Japan

It was a great time—the Fifth Area I Conference in Jamaica!

“What our life means: It is a society of people with love. Why we are here together: For meeting people, discussing with them, and learning something from them. What we should do: Work in our own communities, using what we learned, but also work together for the world’s peace.” This was my witness spoken at the opening session.

Indeed, during the conference I met many people, some from countries whose names I hadn’t even heard before. But by spending one week with them I had a wonderful opportunity to have good Christian fellowship and to renew the feeling that, regardless of appearance or customs, we are the same people everywhere. Though we may speak different languages, we can understand each other by hearts, especially if we are Christians believing in the same God.

Now I think of God’s will and thank Him for giving me this great opportunity to attend this conference. Otherwise I couldn’t have met those wonderful people nor have seen such a pretty and interesting country as Jamaica. And more than that, thank God because I was able to learn something important for myself and for my life.

On August 7 I flew to Kingston

from Kennedy Airport in New York. I had been in the U.S.A. since last July as an International Christian Youth Exchange student, staying with American host families. This is a very enriching program and it had been my most wonderful year, through making so many friends and knowing another way of living. The fact that I had to do everything by myself has made me grow as a person. I feel that it was God's will that I was in the U.S.A., with a year's experience of living there, which made it possible and easy for me to go to the conference in Jamaica.

The conference was started with a civic reception in the Ward Theatre in Kingston, when we were welcomed to Jamaica and it was our privilege to hear a lovely Jamaican anthem by the city band. Then for four days we had interesting and enlightening programs. I was very impressed by the communion service, participating with people from many different countries in the same way which Jesus taught us.

Other parts of our program included educational conferences when we were divided into several classes to study about our Christian life; the

Quiet Hour when I felt we were one, although everybody was praying in his own language; and evening services when we had opportunity to hear Christian testimonies. On Saturday evening a sacred music concert was held. It was a very beautiful and inspiring program. Music unites us all. Incidentally, one of the beautiful things for me during the conference was the sound of the congregation singing hymns with spirit, loud and strong, but beautiful and exciting, in praise of God.

Finally, I would like to write for you two statements from Bishop Clyde Meadows' message to us on Sunday night: "God loves you!" "And God needs you!"

God loves all of you, even such a sinner as I. More than this, you should know that God needs you. Not only does He love you, but also He needs you. If someone needs you, what should you do? You should help him. Now it is God who needs you and me. How proud I am to help Him, and use the talents that He gave me. God needs all of us, so let's work together! It is our life. It is our Christian life. And it must be the purpose of Christian Endeavor now and ever.

HAVING FUN during the tea are (BELOW LEFT) Chaney Bergdahl and Kathy Welker of the U.S.A., members of the United Brethren team which spent ten weeks this summer doing volunteer service in Jamaica, and (BELOW RIGHT) Mrs. Sybil McLaughlin (left) and Gwenneth Lee Smith (right) of Grand Cayman with United States youth.





LYNNORE AND RALPH ROBRAHN and Texas youth enjoy the bountiful refreshments at the Jamaica House tea — including fried chicken!

Fellowship in Jamaica

By Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn
Associate President, International Society

Christian Endeavor has always believed and taught four basic principles, the last of which is "Fellowship with Christ's People." That has always meant a great deal to me because I can have Christian fellowship not only with those in my local society and church, but also with all around the world who confess the name of Christ. Our hearts are joined together in a great fellowship.

This was very evident at the Fifth Area I Conference in Jamaica. Delegates from fourteen countries were there. From Canada and Grand Cayman, from Guatemala and Great Britain, from Samoa and Santo Domingo the delegates came to again give witness to the great unity Christians know together in Jesus Christ. It was a joy and thrill to be able to pray, eat, live, and learn with those from other nations.

Have you ever celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with a group of people from fourteen different nations? I did at this conference. On Friday morning we gathered

around the Lord's table and partook of the elements which symbolize the broken body and shed blood of our Lord. Here we were giving witness to a true fellowship. The service, led by Elwood Dunn, president of the International Society, also included ministers from Jamaica and Samoa as participants. I will not soon forget the prayer that was offered by the Samoan minister as he asked for God's blessing on the bread. Here was a man who had also experienced God's mercy and grace in a land some eight thousand miles away. But we celebrated the same supper and worshipped the same Lord.

Have you ever prayed with a group of people from fourteen different nations? I did at this conference. On Saturday morning our Quiet Hour was led by William Sharpe from England. At the close of his meditation he asked the delegates to offer sentence prayers. From all over the auditorium people stood up, one by one, to offer their prayers to God. Some I could understand and some

ould not, but we all prayed to the same God. Here we were giving witness to the fact that red or yellow, black or white, all are precious in God's sight!

Have you ever led in congregational singing a group of people from fourteen different nations? I did at this conference. What a thrill it was to hear this large group of people sing to the praise and honor of God. Whatever differences in theology or denominational background we may have had, all was lost when we could sing, "*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!*" From the hotels to the church, in busses and on the streets, we sang of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever preached in a church where you were the only person of your race? I did at this conference. On Sunday morning I joined with many others from the conference who were sent out to preach in various

places in and around Kingston. What a unique experience I had in being able to share God's "Good News" with those of a different skin and denominational background. Together, however, we could share and glory in the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

Much more could be said about the fellowship we shared at the Area I Conference. It is enough to say that again in this conference each delegate was reminded of the great body of believers which compose the Church of Christ around the world. Christian Endeavor granted some of us the privilege of enjoying that fellowship firsthand.

(RIGHT) Informal discussion with the Minister of Education engrosses W. Alfonso Gramajo C. (left), vice-president of the Guatemalan Union, and Rev. Benjamin Alvarez T. (center) of Mexico, conference keynote speaker.



(BELOW) Dignitaries at the tea pose for the press.



PRE-CONVENTION VISIT T

By the Honorable Richard Cleaver, M.P., Presi

The day prior to the opening of the Area I Conference four visitors were placed in the care of the Jamaica Union president, Rev. A. N. Braithwaite, for a trip of some 260 miles to the delightful city of Montego Bay. The world president, World's Union executive secretary Phyllis Rike, Area II general secretary William Sharpe, and Australian Union president all had a rich fellowship as they travelled under hot, humid conditions for many hours.

What a sharing of experiences and views resulted! Christian Endeavor in many lands was reviewed and the later meetings of the Board of Trustees probably reflected some of the items which were analyzed on this memorable and enjoyable journey.

The Mayor of Montego Bay, the Honorable Cecil Donaldson, very kindly met the visitors on the outskirts of the town and led the party to a central point where a large crowd had assembled for the Christian Endeavor Procession led by the local youth band to commence its public witness. The Calvary Baptist Church where the Procession terminated was the scene at 5:00 p.m. of a Civic

Welcome to the World's Christian Endeavor president and addresses were given by the Custos, the Honorable Walter Fletcher; the Mayor; the local M.P. Howard Cooke; the Northern District Christian Endeavor Union president, Rev. Leo Robinson; other Christian Endeavorers; and the Roman Catholic leader, Bishop Clarke. This was a most generous tribute to our movement and its service in Jamaica over 75 years. Bishop Meadows responded with genuine feeling on behalf of Christian Endeavor and was supported by the president of the Australian Union.

Fellowship amongst the local Endeavorers and discussion during the tea hour provided opportunity to establish new friendships and extend encouragement.

The rally in the evening resulted in an attendance of approximately 400 and was marked by sound organization, inspiring singing, and true dedication on the part of the local members that Christian Endeavor would serve the Church and extend the splendid tradition of the first years. The churches in which the meetings were held in Montego Bay

CONFERENCE DELEGATES in front of East Queen Street Baptist Church where major sessions were held. Other activities centered in the adjoining George Lisle Education Center. Many delegates were not present for this official photo.



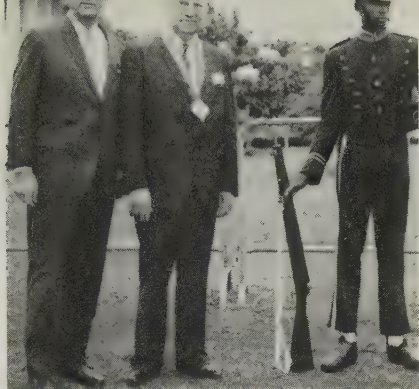
TEGO BAY

australian Union

have interesting links with the early years of emancipation. Twice the slave masters were responsible for the burning of the Burchell Memorial Church which housed the rally.

Speaking on the subject of discipleship (Luke 9:57), I pointed out that youth follow a craze or passion—they seek a leader to idolize. In Christian Endeavor we direct youth to Jesus Christ, the incomparable leader who motivates us and gives life new purpose and new values. Christian Endeavor naturally makes strong demands upon its members, but each person finds strength in trusting the Lord, as enunciated in the Pledge.

Our movement is primarily a training ground for church leaders, and the church will turn to Christian Endeavor again as soon as it is evident that we are dedicated to our local church and intent upon providing a first-class training organization through the structure of the Christian Endeavor unions. I called upon the Jamaican Endeavorers to commit themselves to a program which will centralize Jesus Christ and make the years ahead an even more glorious history than the first 75 years with



AT ATTENTION are Richard Cleaver (left) and Bishop Meadows, with a member of the drill team which performed during the tea. Jamaica House is in the background.

all of its great personalities and achievements.

During the rally a Diamond Jubilee song was presented which conveyed the thankfulness and forward vision of our friends who extended such rich hospitality.

"Thanks be unto God the Saviour
For His love and tender care
For the fellowship of Christian
Endeavor
That is manifested here.

"Sound it o'er Jamaica's mountains
Let each hill and valley sing
Of the ever blessed tiding
That the Christ is Lord and King."





TOUR PARTY MEMBERS pose for official photo before departure from Miami.

COLORFUL CARIBBEAN TOUR

Members of the International Society's Colorful Caribbean Tour group joined together for early morning worship in Miami, Florida, on Sunday, July 28, before they flew to Puerto Rico and then on to Antigua, Trinidad, Venezuela, Curacao, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman, returning to Miami August 15. Rev. Christian A. Tirre, executive secretary of the International Society, directed the tour, with Phyllis I. Rike, World's Union executive secretary, serving as associate tour director.

Highlights of the tour were visits with Endeavorers in Trinidad and Grand Cayman and the week of activities in Jamaica.

TRINIDAD

The prospect of a Caribbean visit is a thrilling thought, but when it is coupled to a fellowship with Christian Endeavorers, then the experience is heightened.

It was in Antigua the first meeting took place and that with Christian Endeavor's International Fellowship Tour Party, so ably organized by Rev. Christian Tirre. From that point on we were to enjoy a wider contact with Endeavorers of Trinidad, whose leader Evans Ramrattan (acting president) was at the airport to bid us welcome.

The following day will remain an unforgettable one. After traveling through coconut and sugar plantations and visiting famous Pitch Lake, we

By William J. Sharpe
Area II General Secretary

were entertained to a picnic lunch in a beach house at Mayaro Bay kindly lent by a Presbyterian minister. A band of Endeavorers has spent the morning preparing for our arrival, upon which we were offered the good things prepared for us. Then it was down to the beach where the breakers came tumbling onto a fourteen mile stretch of lovely sand. The wonderful fellowship was all too short but this was to be renewed later.

An experience which marked the homeward run was the singing of Boucher, the driver. He had been brought up in the Anglican Church, had a lovely bass voice, and could harmonize upon learning a tune. We sang some of his favorites and taught him some of ours.

CANDID SHOT at Palisadoes Airport as Rev. A. N. Braithwaite (left) and William Sharpe (right), greet Christian Tirre and the tour party on arrival in Jamaica.



Warm Welcome in Grand Cayman

By Frances M. Becker, Vice-President, International Society

Never have we had a warmer welcome anywhere than in Grand Cayman, a small island in the Caribbean Sea. The temperatures were torrid, but the Christian Endeavorers outdid the weather in warmth. From the time that we landed in the Owen Roberts Airport until we left two days later the Caymanian Christian Endeavorers made themselves responsible for our well-being.

The very first activity was a welcome of delicious food arranged and provided for by His Honor Sir Desmond Watler, the acting Administrator, and Mrs. Watler.

Two very wonderful evening services were held in the Georgetown Elmslie Memorial Church and the South Sound United Church under the leadership of the Cayman Island president, Rev. Raymond Coke, and Mrs. Sybil McLaughlin, vice-president. Following one of the services a real Christian Endeavor reception was held in the Town Hall with fellowship, games, food, and prayers bringing about a closer relationship among all present.

Next page, please

That evening we met in the Woodbrook Presbyterian Church in Port-of-Spain where a goodly number of Endeavorers and friends had assembled to hear a message from the world president, Bishop Clyde Meadows, and greetings which I brought as general secretary for Area II of the World's Union. After the service refreshments were served, thus giving a further opportunity for talk with Endeavorers.

Our movement is found mainly in the north and south of the island and presently in some 45 groups, mainly in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. An encouraging fact of its membership is in its youthfulness and the fine type of young person it has attracted.

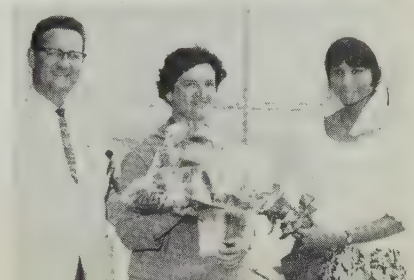
In Evans Ramrattan Christian En-

deavor has a young man with a love of young people and a zeal for work amongst Christians of all races. I am particularly indebted to him for placing so much of his holiday period at my disposal in order to discuss vital matters and also to conduct me to some of the interesting places.

The objective of this visit to the Caribbean was in the interests of Christian Endeavor, to encourage members and to give stimulus to the work in these islands. This we have done by means of the Fellowship Tour and the Area I Conference which was combined with the convention of the Jamaica Union.

These are some of the ways by which we hope to make the theme "Advance—For Christ and the Church" become a reality.

MISS CURACAO 1968 (Anne-Marie Braafheid), first runner-up for the Miss Universe title, greets the tour party at Willemstad Airport and presents flowers of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Christian A. Tirre.





CAYMANIAN ENDEAVORERS

pose with our party.
Rev. Raymond Coke (kneeling
right) is union president.
The island coat of arms
featured on the banner
bears this Scripture,
"He hath founded it
upon the seas."

GRAND CAYMAN (From Page 15)

This was only a part of the hospitality extended to our group. As we toured the island, there was always a Caymanian Endeavorer to help us know the island better. From West Bay to East End, from a town called Hell because of its foreboding rock formation to visiting the lovely churches and homes of Christian Endeavorers on the island, we were in kind, friendly hands.

You've never heard of Grand Cayman? Neither had we before we came, but never will we forget our new friends living on a dot on the map in the Caribbean area. Come to Canada in 1970 to the World's Christian Endeavor Convention and we'll introduce you to Ray, Sybil, Nellie, Rosedene, Gordon, Lynford, Inaclaire, and a hundred others of these wonderful Christian Endeavorers in Grand Cayman.

PREPARE FOR THE 88th

A full week of activities January 26 - February 2 will mark Christian Endeavor's 88th anniversary. Theme is "One Body in Christ" (Romans 12:1-5; Ephesians 4:1-6).

The 1969 Christian Endeavor Week Packet contains helps to make this week a meaningful event. The Plan-book suggests activities and services. The radio or television program, based on the theme, may be adapted for a skit or dramatization. Plans for a "Person to Person" Christian En-

deavor Communications Party round out the week. These plus many other items are in the Packet.

A new advertising aid is the bumper sticker; size 2½" x 8" it's printed in two colors using the new Outdoor Poster design and has pressure sensitive backing. Price: 5c each, 50c a dozen.

Order a Packet for 75c and secure complete information to prepare for the 88th!

NEW TWO-COLOR PLACE MATS (red and gray) are ideal for birthday banquets. Size 10" x 14" with linenized finish; 50 for \$1.75, 100 for \$3. Matching 13" square two-ply napkins, 50 for 80c, 100 for \$1.50. Order from the International Society, Columbus, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Training and training youth for Christ and the Church since 1826



Worldwide Bible Reading

Join mililons around the world in the 1968 Bible reading from National Bible Week to Thanksgiving. This annual observance, sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee, continues programs uniting believers in reading the Word of God which began in the 1940's. Won't you join this fellowship of the Open Bible.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

Deuteronomy 6	Oct. 20	Matthew 5
Psalms 8	Oct. 21	Mark 4
Psalms 19	Oct. 22	Luke 6
Proverbs 3	Oct. 23	John 15
Isaiah 40	Oct. 24	Roman 12
Isaiah 55	Oct. 25	I Corinthians 13
Jeremiah 31	Oct. 26	Ephesians 6
Isaiah 6	Oct. 27	I John 3

OCTOBER

3	Luke 24:44-53
9	John 10:1-18
20	Revelation 22:1-21
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NOVEMBER

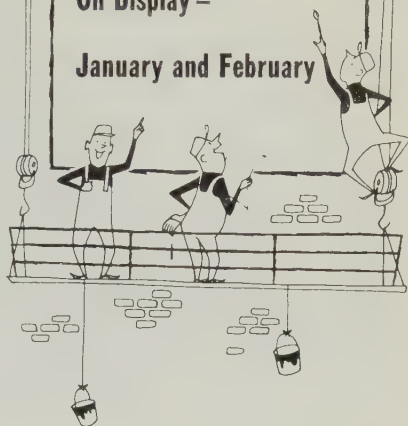
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3	John 16:25-33
4	Isaiah 26:1-4
5	Isaiah 32:1-18
6	Isaiah 48:17-22
7	Philippians 4:4-9
8	James 3:13-18
9	II Timothy 2:19-26
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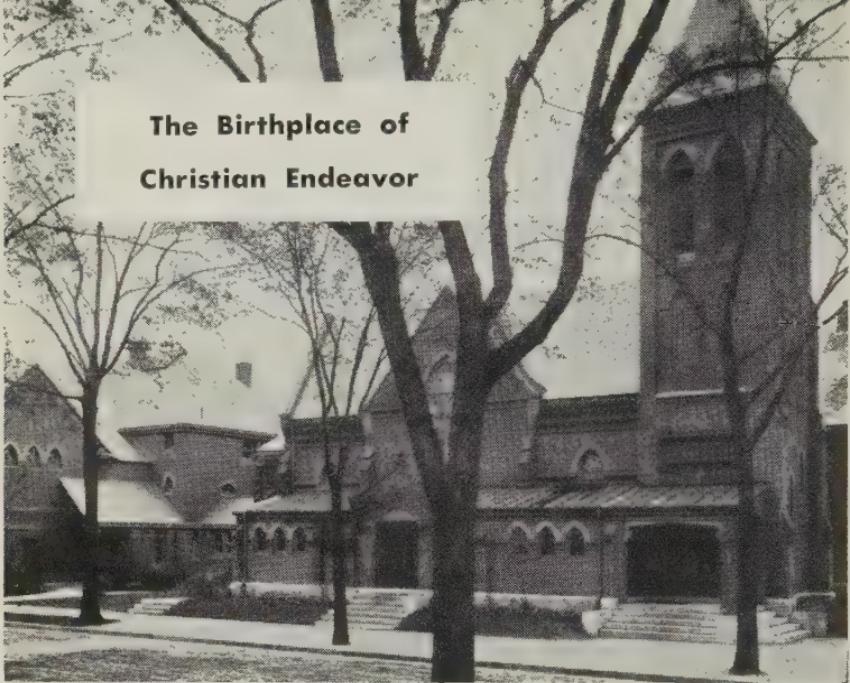


For only \$5 an attractive Christian Endeavor Outdoor Poster can be displayed in your area. Posters across North America will present the challenge, "Young People — Come to Church."

The poster design this year features an attractive color combination of rhodamine red accentuated with light blue and black — calculated to attract attention against winter snows and gray skies.

This unique program operates through the contribution of posting space by local poster plants, members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc. Sometimes these companies find it necessary to charge a cost-of-posting fee. Endeavorers in state and provincial unions organize to secure funds to purchase the posters at \$5 each and also to cover any fees. The union chairman contacts the plants to arrange for space, pools the information, and sends orders with shipping instructions to Columbus by November 15 so posters can be hung to coincide with Christian Endeavor Week.

To participate contact union leaders or write the International Society.



**The Birthplace of
Christian Endeavor**

I VISIT WILLISTON

**By Rev. F. Rupert Gibson of Ireland
Vice-President, World's Christian Endeavor Union**

"This has been the most significant week in my life." These words were spoken to me in Portland, Maine, by a member of the Williston Christian Endeavor Society the weekend I preached there this July.

The young lady was referring to the previous week we had both spent with other young people and their minister, Rev. S. George Bovill, at the great youth conference organized by the Massachusetts Union at Northfield.

Going to Williston, the birthplace of Christian Endeavor, was like taking a sacred pilgrimage. I stood in the room where the first society met and at the desk upon which the first young people signed the covenant on February 2, 1881, which over the years was to be signed by millions of other young people throughout the world. It is noteworthy that Portland is on the rocky coast of the Atlantic

Ocean, for soon the movement was to reach out to all the oceans of the world and be established in every continent and in over seventy-five countries and island groups.

Williston is a lovely old church with some beautiful stained glass and many mementoes of Christian Endeavor. It was a privilege to stand in the pulpit and to preach in the same place as Dr. Francis E. Clark. For me it was a moment pregnant with memories. In the church I met some who had known the founder of our movement and after the service the local president took a photograph of me with Mildred Perkins, the niece of Dr. Clark; James Paxton, the grandson of Granville Staples, one of the young people who signed the first covenant and first president of that society; and Mr. Bovill.

Northfield, where I was previously was founded by Dwight L. Moody

the famous evangelist. His birthplace, now a museum of his life, is there and he and his wife are buried in the grounds of the beautiful estate. Eighty-six years ago the evangelist had his first great conference there, building an auditorium seating five thousand for the purpose. Being at Northfield was like walking on hallowed ground, made sacred by the presence of D. L. Moody and many famous people whom he invited there or who gathered there because of him.

Organized under the chairmanship of Lawrence R. Deal, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the New England Region, this is one of the finest youth conferences I have visited. During the week we had the joy of seeing dozens of young people accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and dozens of others offer themselves for full-time service with the church. This conference has been held for sixty-one years and is in the truest tradition of Christian Endeavor.

Another valuable experience was a week spent in the annual camp of the

Ohio Union. Here again one found excellent organization and a splendid band of young people. It was a joy to see many of them accepting Jesus Christ and others dedicating themselves for full-time service.

One of the richest experiences of the tour was the time I spent with the world president, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, and the opportunity to visit headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, and have fellowship with the staff there, Rev. Christian A. Tirre and Phyllis I. Rike, and the associates.

Christian Endeavor in America is on the march and is finding a place in the church because of the program and the challenge it has to offer.

As I was leaving to board a plane at Cleveland, Ohio, to begin the last leg of my journey back to Ireland, a young man came up to me saying that he wished to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Master. This is one of my last memories of four wonderful weeks spent with Christian Endeavor in America. What a privilege it is to serve Christ and the Church through such a movement.

YOU, TOO, CAN VISIT WILLISTON

The Portland Pilgrimage sponsored by the International Society July 4-6, 1969, is your opportunity to visit Williston. Outstanding leaders who will participate are Mrs. Eleanor Searle Whitney, who speaks July 4, and Rev. H. Norman Pell, speaking July 5. Also Rev. George L. Blackwell, Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn, Lawrence L. Hanby, Frances M. Becker, Elwood Dunn, Arch J. McQuilkin, and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows have program assignments. The Pilgrimage opens with a banquet July 4 and closes with dinner Sunday. The Sheraton-Eastland Motor Hotel will be headquarters, with all sessions and most meals at Williston Church. Registration fee is \$6. Special hotel rates are available and a meal package plan will be announced soon. Write the International Society for details.

NEWS



NEW OFFICERS of Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Union installed at the 75th anniversary convention by state general secretary Gordon McMordie are (from left) Rev. Clemens B. Farver; Gene Obitz, president; Ruth Anne Dixon; Virginia Richardson; Nancy Dixon; and Ray Bartholomew.

Texas Elects



Donald P. Cole of Dallas, Texas president for two terms 1960-62, is again heading the state union. A 1958 graduate of Southern Methodist University with a B.A. degree in business

administration, he is now with Tubesales of Arlington. At Bruton Road Christian Church he and his wife Barbara and their three children are very active. He teaches the adult class and assists his wife in sponsoring the Senior High Christian Endeavor. Mr. Cole was general chairman of the local committee for the 1965 International Convention.

Personalia

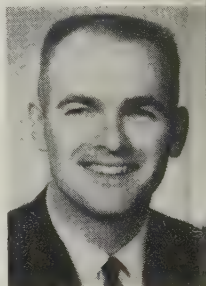
Bishop R. W. Rash of the United

Brethren Church is making good progress in his recovery from two heart attacks. He returned to Huntington, Indiana, September 20 following hospitalization in Kansas since August 13.

Dr. Raymond M. Veh, International Society trustee, retired September 1 after serving 22 years as editor of BUILDERS, the former youth publication of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He now lives in Thiensville, Wisconsin.

Keystone State President

Heading the Pennsylvania Union for the next two years will be J. Stuart Severns of Pennside, Reading. A salesman for B & J Saylor Foods Corporation, he is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and a qualified chef apprentice. Christian Endeavor service includes two terms (1961-63; 1966-68) as president of Berks County Union, which surprised him last March with a dinner in his honor. In addition to directing the choir at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, he teaches the Young Adults, serves on the official board, and drives the church bus. He and his wife Marilyn have two children—Brad, 6, and Penny, 5.



News from India

The headquarters of the India Union was moved early this year from Vellore, where it had been located since 1946, to Tindivanam.



ENDEAVORERS IN ACTION

Neat Retreat

A "real neat Christian Endeavor retreat" was held at Camp Living Waters near Luther, Michigan, August 26-28, by Endeavorers of Michigan Conference United Brethren churches.

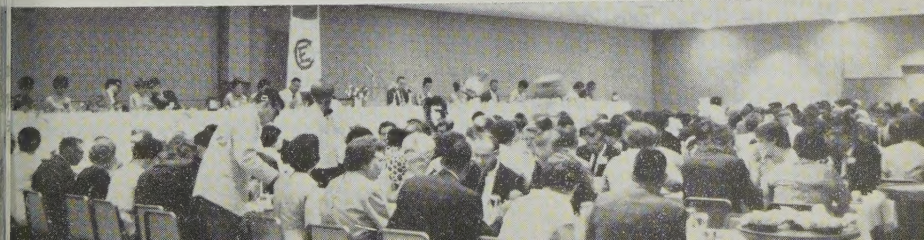
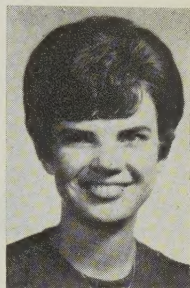
Rev. Fred Sawdy reports that the theme was "Committed Christian Endeavorers." Evening speakers were Rev. Carlson Becker and Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk. Five workshops based on "Committed to Serve" covered these areas: Christ (explanation of the Pledge), the Church, the Community, Our Talents, and the World. Other features were election of officers, opportunity for various sports, and a campfire service which included personal testimonies.

Mr. Sawdy, Michigan Union president, challenged all present to absolute total commitment to Christ at the closing service.

CHRIST IS LIFE was the challenging theme for the 80th Michigan Convention June 21-23 at First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo. (BELOW) Over 1000 attended the banquet at the Student Center of Western Michigan University to hear Rev. Donald Van Doven, Reformed Church campus pastor. (RIGHT) New Michigan head Rev. Fred Sawdy presents a past president's pin to Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk as Mrs. Vander Kolk looks on. Everette Vlieg and David DeWitte were local committee co-chairmen.

Oregon President Re-elected

Since Dorothy Charlesworth was re-elected last March she graduated from college and was married. On June 16 she became Mrs. Robert E. Howard; she and her husband are living in Tigard. She graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. in business administration and is now teaching. Mrs. Howard is active in the Christian Church where she serves on the Education Committee. Before college she lived in Redmond and was an officer in the Central Union. She is 22.



Vote X Yes

Christian Endeavor's

Christian Youth Witness Program



Voting YES for Youth Witness means personal involvement in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 1969 Christian Youth Witness Program challenges youth to give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and to serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation, and world, both now and in the years to come.

Christian Endeavor's 1969 Christian Youth Witness Program is directed toward individuals, Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups, and local Christian Endeavor unions. Participants will be eligible for the Albert H. Diebold Awards totaling more than \$1,300 in cash, grants to attend the Portland Pilgrimage, award plaques, and honor certificates.

Plan now to witness to your community by sponsoring a Christian Youth Witness Project and reporting it to the International Society before the February 15, 1969, deadline. The SAMPLE BALLOT will generate ideas for your project.

Write to Rev. Christian A. Tirre, executive secretary of the International Society, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, for a folder giving complete details.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Select your Youth Witness Project from one of the choices on this ballot

INDIVIDUAL CHOICES

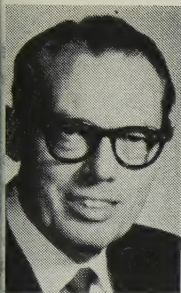
- ☐ Prepare a play entitled "I Am a Witness." (The society or school drama class might use it.)
- ☐ Submit cartoons to the school newspaper showing the Christian viewpoint on significant topics.
- ☐ Prepare a set of slides of youth at work in your community; use them to encourage others to witness for Christ.
- ☐ Prepare a display in a business window or a poster to be hung in a significant place.
- ☐ Submit an editorial to the local radio station.
- ☐ Start a Bible Club at school.

SOCIETY CHOICES

- ☐ Organize a Youth Speaker's Board to discuss "Honesty Counts" stress being a Christian in daily pursuits.
- ☐ Present a series of musical concerts in the town park using the Gospel in song.
- ☐ Hand out Christian tracts on a busy street corner; direct people to a counselor.
- ☐ Make use of materials from the American Cancer Society to combat smoking.
- ☐ Encourage attendance at worship by a well-organized campaign.

UNION CHOICES

- ☐ Promote a union-wide attack on a specific concern, such as the use of alcoholic beverages or violations of curfew.
- ☐ Plan a youth revival at a central location and work to win youth to Christ.
- ☐ Explore the problem of the use of drugs by youth and sponsor an educational campaign to direct youth to Christ.



AS I SEE IT

Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

ANNUAL REPORT

It is a delight to report to such a committed group of supporters. You are scattered across an entire continent. You are representative of nearly every existing communion in the world. Dozens of nationalities are in this great company who are part of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Every race of the globe is represented and almost every state in the union, plus Canadian provinces and Mexican states. Every age is represented, too, as some of you have enrolled your newborn children. Many of you are the third or fourth generation in this mighty movement. The youth in Christian Endeavor join all of us in saying "Thank you" for your interest in youth and in this cause.

The Poling Memorial Fund was established by action of the Executive Committee this past year. Invitations to share in the Fund have been sent to a large number of the friends of Mr. Daniel A. Poling and to the friends of Christian Endeavor. Many of you were included and many of you responded to get the Fund started. We hope many more of you will share in the building of this Fund, for the income it provides will aid greatly in stabilizing the financial program of the movement in North America.

A Forward Advance Program has been launched. It has been presented in a number of conferences and conventions and there have been many who have indicated their interest in the movement. A "how to" folder is being prepared and will be ready for distribution before too long.

The Forward Advance Program will have four major areas of emphasis. They are: Evangelism, Education, Expression, and Enlistment. Goals are being defined for individuals, societies, and unions. Participants will choose goals in the area most attractive to the individual or group. A report will be made to the International Society of each activity and all achievements will be recognized. A recorder has been selected and has agreed to serve. We hope that every one of you will find a way to enlist in the Forward Advance action.

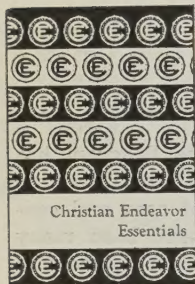
If you have not sent your membership gift for 1968, if your group has not contributed through the Roll Call, if you have not shared in the Poling Memorial Fund or enlisted in Forward Advance, do it now and send me word right away.

Sincere thanks to you for your prayers, your gifts, and your participation. May the Lord multiply you in number and influence.

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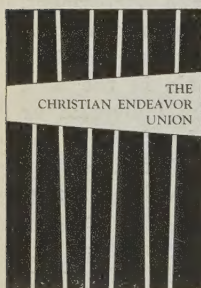
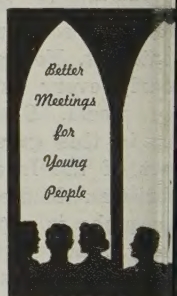
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